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1. At 2000 hours GMT on 4 August 1955, 14 minesweepers and two small MTB's were at anchor near Mikelbaka Light (N 57-36, E 22-59). Vessels of the same type were in the Gulf of Riga on the following day. Twelve minesweepers were carrying out formation exercises in groups of three. The vessels changed formation from column to line of bearing, back to column, to line abreast, to line of bearing to starboard and port, etc.

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the vessels had a raised forecastle with gun, a bridge with a signal mast on top, a break in the deck at the after end of the bridge, two or three low funnels (some of the vessels had a red and yellow ring at the top of the funnels), a very low afterdeck, equipment for mine laying on the stern, and antiaircraft guns on the forecastle, on the bridge, and on the afterdeck.

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- 2. On the same day, seven MTB's seemed to be performing speed tests just outside the mouth of the Daugava River. They were very small with a low silhouette. The bridge almost looked like only a little shelter. The vessels made great speed.
- 3. In the naval harbor on the southwest bank of the Daugava River, just inside the mouth, there were one large and nine smaller submarines. The large one was of about 1,500 tons with a streamlined hull and conning tower, a gun on the foredeck, a low comming tower with a pointed structure on the forward edge of the top (see sketch). The others were much smaller but with angular lines and were recollective of the Norwegian old B-4 type. Farther in the naval harbor, several submarines and other naval vessels, all small types, could be seen, as could a large tender or troop transport ship. Surface vessels of the same types as those described above were also seen at the lowermost portion of the export harbor and Andrey Harbor.

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4.	nearly all day, but there was no activity of such planes at the airfield near the cement factory. On the other hand there was much traffic of four-engine propeller driven planes. One evening 14 of these were counted coming in for a landing. They had straight wings and tail surfaces and a large single tail fin, no windows in the fuselage, and were marked with red stars under the wings. Late in the afternoon and early in the evening, parachute jumping exercises were performed over the field. There seemed to be only one plane in use, a	25X1
	of the plane. Some of the jumpers used two small parachutes instead of the usual one big one.	
5.	ship took on a pilot just outside the river mouth and passed through the obstruction at the mouth on signal from the naval station. At the extreme northern end of the coal quay north of the export quay, there	25X1
	were several coal cranes and large piles of coal and grayish substance	25X1
	which ran on rails set in the quay. While unloading, the crane arms were not raised or lowered in order to place the load but the cranes themselves were driven back and forth on the rails it is the cranes themselves were	25 X 1
	They had a lifting capacity of five tons. The entire export harbor was equipped with this type of crane. The quay seemed very well equipped. Excavation work was being done on the southernmost portion of the export quay. Large-scale diving operations were going on north of the refrigeration warehouse.	
,	The inspection commission came aboard after the ship had come to the quay. The radio transmitter, lifeboat transmitter, and cameras were sealed. The rest of the inspection on arrival took place in the lounge. On departure, the entire ship from truck to keel was carefully searched for stowaways. The commission was courteous and good-natured but very thorough. It was headed by a major, with gold shoulder-boards and one large star, with a senior lieutenant as the next in command, who wore gold-shoulder boards and three small stars in a triongle.	
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8.	seemed to be a small garrison in Andrey Harbor.	25X1
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t	Bathing in the harbor was strictly forbidden. The punishment was a two this was attributable to the fear of stowaways.	25X1
c w b	rew sold a large number of stockings and ties. A pair of stockings was out they ignored it.	25X1
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Sketch of Submarine at Riga



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